

SENATE BILL 780

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to
aggressive and dangerous driving.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

Section 55-8-197.

(a) A person commits the offense of aggressive driving who, during one

(1) episode of continuous driving of a vehicle:

(1) Commits at least three (3) violations of the following

provisions:

(A) Overtaking on the right, in violation of § 55-8-118;

(B) Overtaking and passing in no passing zones, in
violation of § 55-8-121;

(C) Following too closely, in violation of § 55-8-124;

(D) Failing to operate vehicle properly for approaching or
stationary, authorized emergency vehicles, in violation of § 55-8-
132;

(E) Failing to yield to pedestrians, in violation of § 55-8-
134;

(F) Failing to signal turn, in violation of § 55-8-143;

(G) Driving in excess of posted speed limits, in violation of
§§ 55-8-152 or 55-8-153;

(H) Stopping, standing or parking in prohibited places, in violation of § 55-8-160;

(I) Following fire apparatus, in violation of § 55-8-168; or

(J) Failing to obey official traffic control devices restricting usage of high occupancy vehicle lanes, in violation of § 55-8-188; and

(2)

(A) Is a hazard to another person; or

(B) Commits a violation of subdivision (a)(1) with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure or obstruct another person.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor; provided, that if the person intends to injure another person, a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) In addition to any penalty imposed pursuant to subsection (b), a person who violates this section may be sentenced to attend any available driver improvement program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.